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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Possible Explosive Device found near California City Prison

(U) California City Police were called to a potential explosive device found about a mile away from the California City Prison last night. According to police the item they found resembled bundled sticks of dynamite and a timer. The device was reported to be a large homemade explosive, but police later determined the device was fake.

SOURCE: 4 July 2018, [KGET](#)

(U) Livingston – Over 10,300 Pounds of Marijuana Seized from Warehouse in Merced County

(U) Police seized thousands of pounds of clipped marijuana buds from a warehouse in Livingston yesterday, an operation authorities described as "a large-scale business with clear ties to organized crime." Police also recovered 1,000 pounds of buds found in a van parked near the warehouse that they described as "finished product." Investigators believe those running the growing operation planned to convert the marijuana into oil, sometimes called "honey oil" but law enforcement.

SOURCE: 4 July 2018, [Merced Sun-Star](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Mother and Daughter Rescued During Border Smuggling Attempt

(U) San Diego – A mother and her 10-year old daughter had to be rescued by firefighters after the compartment they were hiding in failed to open. The incident occurred at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry when a US Customs and Border dog alerted to the compartment area of the convertible. The driver was then directed to the secondary inspection area where officers found two people hiding inside, but the rear compartment would not open. Neither of the two were injured but the driver was arrested on a human smuggling charge.

SOURCE: 3 July 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Indiana – Police Seize \$750 Thousand in Suspected Heroin and Methamphetamine

(U) Indianapolis – After a month long investigation, Indianapolis Police served search warrants to two locations on 3 July. Those two searches resulted in the seizure of 45 pounds of suspected heroin and methamphetamine. Officers also confiscated eight guns and \$44,000 in cash during their search.

SOURCE: 4 July 2018, [USA Today](#)

(U) Texas – 18 Charged in Crime Ring Tied to \$765 Thousand in Thefts and Drugs

(U) San Marcos – 18 people were indicted after a year long investigation into a criminal enterprise involving Aryan gangs, drugs and over \$765,000 in stolen items, according to San Marcos officials. Suspects would steal from construction sites, buildings and vehicles then sell the items for cash or

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methamphetamine. Police recovered a Kubota excavator worth more than \$50,000, heavy equipment including trailers, skid steers and a power washing ring. The 18 indicted face charges of theft of property greater than \$200,000 and engaging in organized crime.

SOURCE: 4 July 2018, [Austin American-Statesman](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) England – Two Britons Poisoned with Novichok Nerve Agent**

(U) Amesbury – Two British citizens are critically ill after being exposed to Novichok, the same nerve agent that struck down a former Russian agent in March, according to British authorities. The pair were hospitalized on Saturday just miles away from Salisbury where an ex-double agent was attacked with the same nerve agent. Officials say they suspect the victims were not directly targeted but became ill as a result of a previous attack.

SOURCE: 3 July 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Philippines – Second Mayor Shot Dead in Two Days

(U) Cabanatuan City – Mayor Ferinand Bote was gunned down on 3 July by a suspect on a motorcycle. Bote appears to have been a victim of a drive-by shooting and was shot multiple times. This killing comes just over 24 hours after Tanauan City Mayor Antonio Halil was shot and killed while attending a flag-raising ceremony.

SOURCE: 3 July 2018, [CNN](#)

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